cinema halls have been suspended and the halls have been closed with immediate effect.

Disbursement of money recovered from the private company

3013. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Crime Branch, Delhi in the case pertaining M/s Perutek Services Limited which is being investigated by them since 1998;

(b) the amount of money so far recovered from the said company;

(c) whether any directions are sought to disburse the money so far recovered from the company to those depositors, who were cheated by the company on priority basis; and

(d) if not, by when the same would be done and the steps being taken to speed up the recovery process and to disburse the money to the depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The two cases registered by Delhi Police against M/s. Perutek Services Limited are pending trial before the concerned Court of Metropolitan Magistrate, Patiala House Court, New Delhi.

(b) An amount of Rupees 54.55 lakh has so far been deposited by the Directors of M/s Perutek Services Limited with the Registrar of Delhi High Court at the time of bail application. This amount stands deposited with the Delhi High Court.

(c) and (d) During the investigation, a request was sent to Regional Manager, Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Rajendra Place, New Delhi to move the Hon'ble Delhi High Court for the appointment of a Official Liquidator. Delhi Police have also advised investors to move the Hon'ble Delhi High Court for this purpose.

Core Group to co-ordinate the construction work in Tsunami hit areas

3014. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Core Group to coordinate the construction work in Tsunami-hit areas and also to explore the areas where external assistance is desirable;

(b) when the operation of the Core Group is expected to start; and

(c) what is the fund allocation therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government of India has set up a Core Group on Reconstruction, Management and Monitoring for Tsunami affected areas in the Planning Commission. The Core Group has prepared a comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and reconstruction of Tsunami affeted areas at an estimated cost of about Rs. 9300.00 crore. The Plan has taken into account the possible external assistance from multilateral agencies namely World Bank, Asian Development Bank and UN agencies. The funds will be allocated after the recommendation of the Core Group are approved by the Government of India.

Video conferenceing facilities in jails

3015. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give financial assistance to State Government for setting up of Video Conferencing facilities in prison;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT) (a) and (b) There is no such proposal.

(c) Under the scheme of Modernisation of Prisons, the Union Government is providing financial assistance to State Governments on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 75:25 for construction of additional prisons to reduce overcrowding, expansion, repair and renovation of existing prisons, improvement in sanitation and water supply and living accommodation for prisons staff. The scheme does not cover any other item for assistance at present.